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SUBJECT: WASHINGTON VISIT BY COMMISSION DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL FOLEY

1. MAURICE FOLEY, DEPUTY DIRECTOR GENERAL OF THE EC COMMISSION'S DIRECTORATE GENERAL FOR DEVELOPMENT AND COOPERATION, IS VISITING THE UNITED STATES FROM SEPTEMBER 9 OR 10 UNTIL SEPTEMBER 16 IN CONNECTION WITH AN ANNUAL EXCHANGE PROGRAM BETWEEN BRITISH PARLIAMENTARIANS AND THE US CONGRESS. MOST OF HIS TIME WILL BE SPENT IN SESSIONS IN WEST VIRGINIA. (THE US PARLIAMENTARY DELEGATION IS BEING HEADED BY SENATOR HUMPHREY AND INCLUDES CONGRESSMEN DIGGS AND SENATOR CULVER.) HOWEVER, MR. FOLEY PLANS TO BE IN WASHINGTON (AT THE DUPONT PLAZA HOTEL) FROM THE AFTERNOON OF SEPTEMBER 9 (OR POSSIBLE THE MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 10) UNTIL THE MORNING OF SEPTEMBER 11. HE WOULD BE VERY MUCH INTERESTED IN A MEETING WITH UNDER SECRETARY ROBINSON AND OTHERS IN THE US GOVERNMENT CONCERNED WITH DEVELOPMENT ISSUES, PARTICULARLY US POLICY ON RAW MATERIALS.

2. FOLEY IS A FORMER LABOR MP FROM BRITAIN WHO HAS BEEN ONE OF THE MOST INFLUENTIAL AND DYNAMIC COMMISSION OFFICIALS IN THIS FIELD. HE WAS IN CHARGE OF THE NEGOTIATION OF THE LOME CONVENTION.

3. THE MISSION BELIEVES IT WOULD BE MOST USEFUL IF HIGH-LEVEL APPOINTMENTS COULD BE MADE FOR MR. FOLEY FOR THE AFTERNOON, AND IF NECESSARY THE MORNING, OF SEPTEMBER 10. IF A PROGRAM CAN BE ARRANGED, WE WOULD
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